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(54) Title: SERINE PROTEASE

(57) Abstract: This invention relates to a novel protein, termed INTP039, herein identified as a serine protease, in particular, as a member of the trypsin family of proteins and to the use of this protein and nucleic acid sequence from the encoding genes in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of disease.

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Although claim(s) 20-29 are directed to a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Although claims 35-37 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 14, 16-18

Present claims 14, 16-18 are product claims involving:

- ligands of the INTP039 polypeptide (putative serine protease).
- compounds that increase or decrease the level of expression or activity of the INTP039 polypeptide (putative serine protease).

i.e. products defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, in other words purely speculative compounds.

However, for such compounds, the application provides neither support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT (the compounds are not clearly and unambiguously characterized in the claims by technical features) nor disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT (no such compounds are defined in the application).

In consequence, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compounds by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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